



# *Summary of Draft Purpose and Need*

## **Purpose**

To increase the surface transportation capacity of U.S. 20/26, and improve operating conditions and safety for both short- and long-term needs.

## **Need**

- **Operations:** Traffic congestion will continue to worsen without more travel lanes and turning lanes.
  - **Transportation and land use:** The rapid urbanization of rural land adjacent to U.S. 20/26 is increasing traffic volumes.
  - **Safety:** Without access management, crashes will continue to rise.
  - **Access:** If not managed, the result will be a less safe and less efficient system due to additional conflict points.
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